

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
20 IRVING STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

AGENDA #19

The School Committee will hold a regular meeting:

on: Thursday, August 23, 2012
at: 4:00 p.m. – Regular Session
5:00 p.m. – Executive Session
in: Council Chamber, City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION - Reverend Gary Shahinian
Park Congregational Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/NATIONAL ANTHEM

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

aor #2-15 - Clerk
(July 25, 2012)

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 19, 2012.

IV. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - NONE

V. IMMEDIATE ACTION - NONE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - NONE

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

c&p #2-9 - Clerk
(August 3, 2012)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the findings of an ACLU/Citizens for Juvenile Justice report entitled "Arrested Futures."

c&p #2-10 - Clerk
(August 3, 2012)

To consider a communication from a citizen to make a brief presentation to the School Committee regarding the WOO Card and the potential for school organizations to sell the cards to raise money.

VIII. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement met at 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday August 20, 2012 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

THE ACTION SHEETS CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE BACKUP

IX. PERSONNELACTION

2-24 The Superintendent has APPROVED the RETIREMENT of the persons named below:

Bickford, Richard, Science, Claremont, effective June 30, 2012
 Binienda, Edward, Social Studies, South effective June 30, 2012
 Bougie, Mary, Elementary, Vernon Hill, effective July 2, 2012
 Brosnihan, George, Vocational, Worcester Technical, effective June 30, 2012
 Cawley, Judith, Elementary, Worcester Arts Magnet, effective August 4, 2012
 Cronin, Susan, Special Education, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012
 Crosbie, Joanne, Elementary, Tatnuck, effective June 30, 2012
 Dahlstrom, Nancy, Principal, McGrath, effective June 30, 2012
 Donohue, Helen, Elementary, Rice Square, effective June 30, 2012
 Dunkly, Nancy, Music, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012
 Foley, Elaine, Special Education, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012
 Francis, Gayle, Special Education, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012
 Gaudette, Patricia, Principal, Jacob Hiatt, effective July 30, 2012
 Green, Gilda, English as a Second Language, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012
 Greenman, Anjulie, Elementary, West Tatnuck, effective June 30, 2012
 Grepastad, Andrea, Special Education, Systemwide, effective July 16, 2012
 Hall, Elaine, Science, Doherty, effective June 30, 2012
 Kelley, Patricia, Elementary, Thorndyke, effective July 14, 2012
 Krawczyk, Linda, English, Worcester East Middle, effective July 1, 2012
 Lamonda Jr., Richard, Social Studies, Worcester Technical, effective June 30, 2012
 Lewinter, Sheryl, Reading, Burncoat Middle, effective June 30, 2012
 Lupu-Felis, Dolores, Business, Creamer Center, effective June 30, 2012
 Maguire, Kathryn, Special Education, Roosevelt, effective June 30, 2012
 Markarian, Marilyn, Elementary, Tatnuck, effective June 30, 2012
 Mastrovito, Donna, Elementary, Columbus Park, effective June 30, 2012
 Mattus, Nancy, Elementary, Midland, effective June 30, 2012
 McKiernan, Mary, Principal, Grafton Street, effective June 30, 2012
 Ramirez-Martinez, Ada, Science, Sullivan, effective June 30, 2012
 Regis, MaryJane, Health, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012

PERSONNEL (continued)ACTION

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Reynolds, Dayle, Guidance, Worcester Technical, effective June 30, 2012

Ritchie, Vincent, Special Education, Worcester Technical, effective June 30, 2012

Roy, Philip, Elementary, Lake View, effective June 30, 2012

Sorenson, Georgine, Elementary, Wawecus, effective August 3, 2012

Soucy, Joan, Elementary, Gates Lane, effective June 30, 2012

Small, Nancy, Evaluation Team Chair, Systemwide, effective July 9, 2012

Spellane, Joan, Special Education, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012

Trapasso, Sheila, Elementary, Rice Square, effective June 30, 2012

Travis, Raymond, Vocational, Worcester Technical, effective June 30, 2012

2-25 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:

Ameen, Kathleen, Music, Systemwide, effective June 19, 2012

Beluscsak, Kellie, English, Sullivan Middle, effective August 1, 2012

Carlson, Kristopher, Mathematics, South, effective July 10, 2012

Clapp, Paula, Special Education, Unassigned, effective June 30, 2012

DeLaRosa, Ramon, English as a Second Language, Systemwide, effective June 30, 2012

Dwyer-Huppert, Caitlin, Science, University Park, effective June 30, 2012

Franchi, Rosemarie, Director, Head Start, effective June 30, 2012

Garvey, Suzanne, Health, Systemwide, effective August 3, 2012

Green, Joseph, Other, Burncoat High, effective June 4, 2012

Hagloff, Michael, Special Education, Burncoat Middle, effective June 30, 2012

Herrick, Melanie, Elementary, Burncoat Prep, effective July 23, 2012

Keating, Gina, Elementary, Midland Street, effective June 30, 2012

Kowalski, Sarah, Foreign Language, Forest Grove, effective July 6, 2012

Maldonado, Elena, English as a Second Language, Systemwide, effective June 20, 2012

Moskalik, Christine, Science, South, effective July 24, 2012

Mulkern, Joanna, English, Forest Grove effective July 16, 2012

Mulqueen, Jeffrey, Chief Academic Officer, effective June 30, 2012

Nystrom, Joseph, Mathematics, South, effective July 12, 2012

PERSONNEL (continued)

ACTION

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Nystrom, Sarah, Mathematics, South, effective July 12, 2012
O'Connor, Darlene DiBara, Elementary, Woodland, effective July 16, 2012
Torres, Noel, Bilingual, Systemwide, effective June 20, 2012
Whitney, Steven, Science, Claremont, effective July 25, 2012

2-26 The Superintendent has APPROVED the LEAVE OF ABSENCE of the persons named below:

Calzia, Maren, Psychologist, Systemwide, from August 27, 2012 – June 30, 2013
Denault, Lynn, Science, Sullivan Middle, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Elizalde, Abigail, Foreign Language, Sullivan Middle, from May 28, 2012-June 30, 2013
Gigure, Gerald, Vocational, Worcester Technical, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Koulisis, Olga, Social Studies, Worcester Technical, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Palumbo, Kerry, Elementary, Norrback, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013

2-27 The Superintendent has APPROVED the EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE of the persons named below:

Brown, Jennifer, Special Education, Burncoat Middle, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Dell, Colleen, Art, Systemwide, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Kern, Neal, Music, Systemwide, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Leone, Rosemary, Elementary, City View, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Ramm, Tiffany, Elementary, Quinsigamond, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Wells-Catalina, Heather, Elementary, West Tatnuck, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013
Zaluskas, Leonard, Social Studies, Unassigned, from August 27, 2012-June 30, 2013

X. GENERAL BUSINESS

ACTION

gb #2-223 - Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Ms. Novick
(July 16, 2012)

To review the status of the FY13 Budget and recommend appropriate account transfers as required.

gb #2-224 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(July 16, 2012)

To review the report of the Resolutions Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, and to provide recommendations to the School Committee representative to the MASC Delegate Assembly as to the proposals contained within it.

gb #2-225 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(July 17, 2012)

To reestablish the Title 1 Parent Advisory Council for the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-226 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(July 17, 2012)

To review the staff and programmatic needs of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, with a view to establishing more intensive standards and expectations of physical fitness for the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

gb #2-227 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick
(July 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide an update on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

gb #2-228 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(July 25, 2012)

Request that the Administration consider the establishment of a bowling club in Worcester's high schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-229 - Mr. Foley/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Ms. Colorio/
Mayor Petty/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria
(July 31, 2012)

To invite representatives from the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative to meet with the Worcester School Committee to discuss the recent findings from the audit by the State Auditor and the steps to be taken to remedy those findings.

gb #2-230 - Administration
(August 9, 2012)

Request that the School Committee authorize the Superintendent annually to act as its representative for filing applications for the federal Impact Aid through PL-874 funds.

gb #2-231 - Mr. Monfredo
(August 9, 2012)

To update the Family Involvement Plan.

gb #2-232 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(August 9, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide an update regarding the painting of the crosswalks at all school locations and include a list of the sites that have crossing guards.

gb #2-233 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(August 9, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the assignments of the displaced staff at Claremont Academy.

gb #2-234 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(August 9, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of new teachers hired with their titles and school assignments.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-235 - Miss Biancheria/Ms. Novick/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio
(August 9, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a summary of the staff training sessions which were held in July and August and include the costs for these programs.

gb #2-236 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(August 13, 2012)

Request that the School Committee discuss with the legislative delegation the persistent under-funding of charter school reimbursement and the equity of the foundation budget formula.

gb #2-237 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(August 13, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the current status of the elementary school libraries.

gb #2-238 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(August 13, 2012)

Request that the Administration report on the feasibility of the expansion to the sixth grade of the dual language immersion programs at Norrback Avenue and Roosevelt schools and consider expansion of the current programs.

gb #2-239 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(August 13, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a list of events taking place in the Worcester Public Schools on a monthly basis and forward it to the School Committee.

gb #2-240 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo
(August 13, 2012)

Request that the Administration forward updated budgets for the innovation programs at Worcester Technical High, Lincoln Street, and Worcester East Middle schools.

GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

ACTION

gb #2-241 - Administration
(August 13, 2012)

To accept Linda Schulman Innovation Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to the Worcester Public Schools for a project to begin in September 2012 at Chandler Magnet Elementary School.

gb #2-242 - Administration
(August 15, 2012)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee